

Celebrities raise morale in Djibouti

The Armed Forces Entertainment and United Service Organizations, two groups that have played an instrumental part in boosting morale for deployed troops all around the world, brought numerous entertainment acts to Camp Lemonnier during the past year.

There have been entertainment acts ranging from alternative rock band Collective Soul, to the comedic act of Robin Williams. Other celebrities such as World Wrestling Entertainment's Kurt Angle and NASCAR's Mike Wallace just paid a visit just to say thanks.

"I thought it was great. I expected them to just come out and say hi and meet and greet a little bit," remarked Spc. Daniel Smith, a military policeman with the Old Guard, Task Force Bravo. "I certainly didn't expect the show that we got at all."



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(Above) Kimberly Burns, with a little help from a Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa friend, entertains service members early last year. (Right) The task force is in the Horn of Africa region in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Ed Roland lead signer of Collective Soul, performs for Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa service members Oct. 2., 2003. Traveling to Djibouti, the band toured Camp Lemonnier, interacted with the troops.



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(Left) Robin Williams meets with members of Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa after his comedic act here Dec. 19. (Above) Wrestler Kurt Angle taunts General Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The visit to Camp Lemonnier marked the last leg of the Chairman's 2003 Holiday Tour, which was also a welcome break in the daily routine of service members fighting the Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq.